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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claim 54 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claim 54 is drawn to a process of producing a laminate, whereas previously presented claims (now cancelled claims 42, 44-48, 50-55 and 57-65) were drawn to a product.
2. The invention of claim 54 and the previously presented claims (now cancelled claims 42, 44-48, 50-55 and 57-65) are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product can be made by another and materially different process such as coextrusion of the laminate layers.
3. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 54 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.
4. The amendment filed on 10/20/2009 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are drawn to a process of producing the laminate as opposed to the laminate product itself.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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